

RIVERS AND FLOODS

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The most noteworthy floods in June were in the North Canadian River in Oklahoma and the Columbia River in Oregon and Washington.

On the night of June 2-3 heavy rains occurred in the lower part of the North Canadian River Valley, over a belt about 30 miles wide and 70 miles long. The average of the rain recorded by the three gages in the belt was 7.75 inches; this amount fell in the nine hours beginning at 9 p. m. of June 2. As the rain occurred at night no warnings of the flood were distributed. Nine persons were drowned.

The flood in the Columbia River was caused by melting snow. By the end of March the accumulated snowfall over the drainage area was the greatest since 1928, and in many places it was the greatest in the last 10 years. The snow melted gradually, however, and the crest this year in the lower Columbia was not much greater than the average annual spring crest.

Table of flood stages in June, 1932

[All dates in June unless otherwise specified]

River and station	Flood stage	Above flood stages—dates		Crest	
		From—	To—	Stage	Date
ATLANTIC SLOPE DRAINAGE					
	<i>Feet</i>			<i>Feet</i>	
Cape Fear: Elizabethtown, N. C.	22	14	16	23.4	15
Santee: Rimini, S. C.	12	14	18	13.4	16
Savannah: Ellenton, S. C.	14	14	25	18.0	20
MISSISSIPPI SYSTEM					
<i>Upper Mississippi Basin</i>					
Des Moines:					
Boone, Iowa	20	19	19	20.1	19
Ottumwa, Iowa	9	27	27	9.8	27
<i>Missouri Basin</i>					
Floyd: Merrill, Iowa	13	9	9	15.0	9
Grand:					
Gallatin, Mo.	20	3	5	26.7	4
Chillicothe, Mo.	18	4	6	24.55	5
Brunswick, Mo.	12	5	7	13.2	6
Osage: Quenemo, Kans.	30	21	26	13.8	24
Missouri: Waverly, Mo.	23	21	21	30.44	21
			24	24.0	23
<i>Arkansas Basin</i>					
Neosho: Le Roy, Kans.	18	22	22	18.2	22
North Canadian:					
Woodward, Okla.	6	27	27	6.8	27
Canton, Okla.	6	28	28	6.3	28
Oklahoma City, Okla.	10	3	3	13.3	3
WEST GULF OF MEXICO DRAINAGE					
Pecos: Fort Sumner, N. Mex.	5	28	28	5.2	28
GULF OF CALIFORNIA DRAINAGE					
Roaring Fork: Carbondale, Colo.	5	16	18	5.3	16
		22	28	5.6	25
Colorado:					
Parker, Ariz.	7	May 1	(1)	12.0	May 30-31
Yuma, Ariz.	28	3	5	28.4	4-5
PACIFIC SLOPE DRAINAGE					
<i>Columbia Basin</i>					
Columbia:					
Marcus, Wash.	24	May 7	(1)	35.0	18, 19, 26, 27
Vancouver, Wash.	15	May 10	(1)	21.6	May 25

1 Continued into July.

Statement of flood losses

MISSISSIPPI SYSTEM

UPPER MISSISSIPPI BASIN-DES MOINES RIVER IN IOWA

Tangible property totally or partially destroyed	\$24,000
Matured crops	250
Prospective crops (4,260 acres)	42,600
Suspension of business, including wages of employees	1,000

MISSOURI BASIN

FLOYD RIVER IN IOWA

Tangible property totally or partially destroyed	2,000
Matured crops	1,000
Livestock and other movable property	100

GRAND RIVER IN MISSOURI

Tangible property totally or partially destroyed	150
Matured crops	450
Prospective crops (7,050 acres)	18,900
Livestock and other movable property	200
Suspension of business, including wages of employees	5,100

MISSOURI RIVER IN MISSOURI

Prospective crops (200 acres)	1,500
Suspension of business, including wages of employees	500

ARKANSAS BASIN

NORTH CANADIAN RIVER IN OKLAHOMA

Tangible property totally or partially destroyed	730,000
Matured crops	80,000
Prospective crops	235,000
Livestock and other movable property	6,500

GULF OF CALIFORNIA DRAINAGE

COLORADO RIVER IN CALIFORNIA

Tangible property totally or partially destroyed	10,000
Matured crops	100
Prospective crops (100 acres)	1,000
Livestock and other movable property	1,000
Suspension of business, including wages of employees	200

PACIFIC SLOPE DRAINAGE

COLUMBIA BASIN

KOOTENAI RIVER IN IDAHO

Tangible property totally or partially destroyed	7,500
Prospective crops	13,200

COLUMBIA RIVER IN OREGON AND WASHINGTON

Tangible property totally or partially destroyed	8,600
Matured crops	13,700
Prospective crops	11,800
Livestock and other movable property	500
Suspension of business, including wages of employees	28,000

Estimated value of property saved by warnings

Grand River in Missouri	1,500
Missouri River in Missouri	1,000
Colorado River in California	5,000
Columbia River in Oregon and Washington	256,920